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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Tomoya Sato ) Group Art Unit: 1743  
Application No.: 09/986,613 ) Examiner: M. Wallenhorst  
Filed: November 9, 2001 )  
For: DISEASE TYPE AND/OR )  
CONDITION DETERMINATION )  
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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the final Office Action mailed July 3, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the subject application in light of the following amendments and remarks. In a separate petition, Applicant has requested and paid the fee for a two-month extension of time, extending the deadline for this response until December 3, 2003. Thus, this response is timely filed.

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